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SUBJECT: FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION, COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC
DRUGS: ITEMS 9 AND 10 AND VOTES ON RESOLUTIONS AND
DECISIONS

SUMMARY: DURING MEETINGS FEBRUARY 22-24, COMMISSION CON-
SIDERED ITEM 9: PROGRAM OF WORK AND PRIORITIES; ITEM 10:
REPORT OF THE COMMISSION AND ADOPTED EXCEPTIONALLY LARGE
NUMBER OF RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS. U.S. SPONSORED
PROPOSALS RECEIVED WIDE SUPPORT, AND U.S. DEL SUCCEEDED
IN AMENDING OTHER PROPOSALS NEGATIVE TO U.S. INTERESTS
INTO FORM APPROPRIATE FOR U.S. SUPPORT. END SUMMARY.

1. ITEM 9: PROGRAM OF WORK AND PRIORITIES. MAIN ISSUES
CONCERNED WHETHER AGENDA OF NEXT CND SESSION SHOULD
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INCLUDE SPECIAL ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION OF UNGA RES 32/124,
AND WHETHER SPECIAL SESSION SHOULD BE HELD IN 1980. AT
URGING OF U.S., COMMISSION DECIDED TO INCLUDE A SPECIAL
ITEM TOWARD END OF NEXT SESSION AGENDA ENTITLED "PROGRAM
OF INTERNATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICIES AND STRATEGIES".
COMMISSION ADOPTED RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY U.S. DEL FOR
TRANSMITTAL TO ECOSOC AUTHORIZING SPECIAL SESSION IN 1980

BY A VOTE OF 22 (US)-0-3.

2. SUBSIDIARY MATTERS RAISED UNDER THIS AGENDA ITEM INCLUDED RECOMMENDATIONS TO PROVIDE COMMISSION MEMBERS AN ANNOTATED AGENDA OF THE NEXT SESSION WELL IN ADVANCE OF ITS MEETING AND TO INCLUDE APPROPRIATE SECTIONS OF THE NEXT INCB REPORT FOR DISCUSSION WITH THE AGENDA ITEMS ON ILLICIT TRAFFIC AND DRUG ABUSE.

3. ITEM 10: REPORT OF THE COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION REVIEWED THE REPORT OF ITS FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION LATE AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 23 AND AT TWO MEETINGS FEBRUARY 24. NO SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS AROSE DURING THE DISCUSSION OF THE REPORT.

4. VOTING ON RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS. THE COMMISSION CONSIDERED AN EXCEPTIONALLY LARGE NUMBER OF RESOLUTIONS (19) PROPOSED BY MEMBERS, AND DECISIONS (8) PROPOSED BY MEMBERS AND THE SECRETARIAT. IT ADOPTED 17 RESOLUTIONS (TWO WERE WITHDRAWN; ONE OF THEM COALESCED WITH ANOTHER AND ONE CHANGED INTO A DECISION) AND ALL EIGHT DECISIONS.

5. RESULTS OF VOTES ON U.S. INITIATED RESOLUTIONS:

A. SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION OF SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION CONCERNING ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFIC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CASES: 28 (US)-0-0.

B. REPORT OF THE INCB: 29 (US)-0-0.

C. WORLD REQUIREMENTS OF OPIATES FOR MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES: 27 (US)-0-3.

D. LONG TERM PROJECTIONS FOR LEGAL OPIATE SUPPLY AND DEMAND: 30 (US)-0-0.

E. SPECIAL SESSION OF THE CND: 22 (US)-0-3.

6. RESULTS OF VOTE ON U.S. INITIATED DECISIONS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

A. CONVENING REGIONAL MEETINGS OF EXPERTS IN RESPONSE TO UNGA RES. 32/124: 26 (US)-0-3.

B. CONCERNING THE PROCEDURES THE COMMISSION MIGHT ADOPT IN CONNECTION WITH ITS RESPONSE TO UNGA RES. 32/124: 27 (US)-0-3.

7. MOST DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS INVOLVED WORKING OUT PACKAGE OF RESOLUTIONS (NAMED IN PARA. 5 ABOVE ITEMS B.C. AND D) REGARDING CURRENT OVERSUPPLY OF OPIATES FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES. U.S. REP. HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH REPS OF INDIA, CANADA, FRG, AND TURKEY TO DEVISE LANGUAGE ACCEPTABLE TO TURKEY WHICH SATISFIED DESIRES OF THE OTHERS FOR STRONG STATEMENT THIS ISSUE. OVERWHELMING SUPPORT COMMISSION AFFORDED THESE RESOLUTIONS INDICATES GENERAL SATISFACTION WITH RESULTS.

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8. SOVIET UNION, GDR AND HUNGARY (WHICH ASBSTAINED ON MOST RESOLUTIONS) THEMSELVES INTRODUCED TWO RESOLUTIONS, ONE OF WHICH WOULD HAVE SERIOUSLY IMPAIRED POSSIBLE USE OF HEROIN FOR TERMINAL CANCER PATIENTS. THE OTHER WOULD HAVE IMPAIRED POSSIBILITY OF MEDICAL OR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ON LSD. U.S. DEL SUPPORTED UK AMENDMENT TO BLOC RESOLUTION ON HEROIN WHICH WAS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS (WITH ONE ABSTENTION) AND COMMISSION ADOPTED RESOLUTION SIMILAR TO ONE ADOPTED TWO YEARS AGO, WHICH FOLLOWS THE LANGUAGE OF ARTICLE 2, PARA 5 OF THE SINGLE CONVENTION, BY A VOTE OF 25 (US)-0-3. U.S. PROPOSED AN AMENDMENT TO THE BLOC RESOLUTIDN ON LSD, WHICH AMENDMENT EXCEPTED

USE FOR MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH FROM GENERAL
PROHIBITION OF USE. COMMISSION ADOPTED AMENDED
RESOLUTION BY VOTE OF 29 (US)-0-1.

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9. COMMENT. US DEL WAS GRATIFIED AT WIDE SUPPORT
COMMISSION PROVIDED TO ITS INITIATIVES, ESPECIALLY ON
SUBJECTS OF HIGHLIGHTING OVERSUPPLY OF OPIATES FOR
MEDICAL PURPOSES AND ON ADOPTING EFFECTIVE PROCEDURE
FOR RESPONDING TO UNGA RES 32/124. END COMMENT. VANDEN
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